

LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

**CAUGHT ON THE FLY BY THE SUN'S
UBIQUITOUS REPORTERS.**

Hartz's Illustrious.

A perfectly self-possessioned and unpretentious
man, a life of station, and a life of achievement.

man, whirl of laughter and slightly back, appeared before him. He was a tall, slender, dark-skinned man, with his feet of elegant and hand. It was Hart, the Indian boy man. With an ingenious smile he asked the ladies for three finger rings. These he slipped on the fingers of a white kid glove, which he neatly rolled into a ball and tossed to the woman. Then he turned to the man, the company was directed to fire at a small glass pedestal on a table. Simultaneously with the discharge the glove actually sprang up from the top of the glass with the sound of a popping balloon. Light flashed from the glove on them.

Three small flower pots filled with earth were next examined by the spectators, and nothing unusual could be found about them or in the earth. But when the first of the flower pots was turned over, a small plant, resembling a flowering plant, a foot high appeared in the earth. The second plant was a small, leafy plant, and the third was a small, leafy plant. The third plant could be nothing was put into it. Mr. Hart raised in surprise and amazement. He held it up, and it seemed ripe. There was applause and amazement.

The Professor drew out a pile of napkins or all sorts of things, and he took out of it four or five of which would more than fill the tea square and he laid them out on the table. Then he took baby's shoes, a canary bird in a wooden cage as large as a man's head, a pair of shoes, a pair of stockings, a top high, and a full-sized hoop skirt. Many other wonderful feats were so artistically performed. Last was the trick of the disappearing money. The Professor, at the evening. A man was locked in a tall, narrow box, and the Professor took out of it a large sum of money and securely tied with double ropes. In just two minutes the man was free, and the money was found. The ropes were disturbed not the man's broken, and the basket remained locked. The Professor challenged Spiritualists to explain how he performed it.

picks out the lucky box every time. Last night a poor man lost \$12 in about as many minutes. First he inserted a nickel and the operator told him he had won and caught for \$10 more. The operators played it nicely. Twenty-five dollars was placed in one of three boxes. The man inserted a nickel and the operator told him it perhaps the purchaser might strike the "big dollar." The man who had lost the first time inserted another nickel, which he paid a "big black." The next two boxes on the shelf, and another copper took the prize and the man who had lost the first time got out all its contents. Then followed a little harangue from the musician, in which he avowed it was his first time and he was not going to give up. The man bought another ticket, and drew \$200. The swindlers close their robbery under the pretense that the man has won \$200,000, and that they offer the money only as an inducement to

A Missing Merchant.
Mr. Edson Bradley, a New York merchant who lived in Westchester county, went out with his horse and buggy on a ride in the city yesterday. He did not return, and on Monday his family became alarmed, and messengers were sent to search for him. Later in the day the police were notified, and his description was telegraphed from the Police Central office to every police station in this city and Brooklyn. He was last seen on a ride to Brooklyn on Monday, leaving there about 10 o'clock in the evening. He rode in a home. He did not do so however, and it is feared that he is in the hands of some of the thieves who are large sums of money. His description, as furnished to

Christmas in the Cathedral.
To-morrow morning at half-past 4 St. Patrick's Cathedral will be opened. At five precisely the prayer of Kyrle Eleison will be sung to the music of Mandalcini; and following the Kyrie will come the Gloria,

which has not been heard for several years. Thereafter, the Massera orchestra will play the hymn "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," the last of a grand Pontifical High Mass, at which the music will be Haydn's beautiful Third Mass in D. After the sermon the Archbishop will give the congregation the papal benediction. At half-past 5 may be heard for the first time the but just completed *Grand Vespers* by Gustav Schmitt, of the Cologne Cathedral choir. They contain beautiful passages, among which are a soprano solo, and a trio by male voices without accompaniment. Mr. Heinrich Schmitt returned to the city this day from the Turin "Musica Sacra" festival, where he was solo horn player, and will conduct the Christmas choir.

The Oystermen Happy.
The oystermen at the east end of Long Island,

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Joseph Lunt, who was arrested on suspicion, has been identified as one of the men who robbed the Union Course stables on Saturday.

The Grange movement is spreading on the Island. An additional grange has been established at Northville, and others are to be opened at Babylon and Jamaica.

It is rumored that the South Side Railroad is to be sold to persons who will purchase the debt, pay off the stockholders and foreclose. The stockholders are unsecured creditors.

GOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

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Homner Lane and John McMahon will twist their legs and shivers as wretches late afternoon in Harry Hill's Theatre.

George Koehoes, aged 29, a Greek seaman on the bark Don, from Dublin left, 4, fell from the malapropo yard overhead and was drowned.

The telegraph lines recently transferred to the Western Union company were those of the Pacific and Atlantic Company, not the Atlantic and Pacific.

John Hunter, a driver for Griffiths & Curtis, took a

Mr. Frederick A. Banker of the New York News Company, has patented "Aerobal Conique," a toy with which every man may set up circus in his own home.

Diggs, Cunningham & Co. express a hope that the firm will be able to resume business as soon as a statement of its condition can be submitted to the creditors.

Ex-Senator W. M. Graham, who is locked up in the street jail, charged with theft of his fortuitous, by embracing the funds of the Walkmill National Bank,

Last night Mr. A. J. Melhargy of Staten Island, while playing a game of pool in French's Hotel, accomplished the rare feat of pocketing the fifteen balls without a break.

The Supervisors refused yesterday to appropriate any money to fit up the sheriff's office, on the ground that the sheriff's fees are large enough to enable him to defray all such expenses.

The Knights of the Round Table, composed of old members of the Fire Department and the Theatrical profession, will meet at Handy Spencer's this evening. Opening chorus at 8 o'clock.

At the meeting of the Department of Education yesterday, George C. Manner was appointed School Trustee for the Twenty-third Ward, and Geo. H. Miller and Franklin Edson for the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Robert Hezlie, a brass fitter of 359 Clinton

The *Trade Gazette* is the name of a new weekly journal with aims to publish a complete list of all the bankruptcies, chattel mortgages, bills of sale, assignments and judgments in the courts of New York and vicinity.

Last evening a gentleman, who registered his name as J. K. Whitney of Springfield, Mass., was found immovable in his room at the Grand Union Hotel in Fourth avenue. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital, and at 12:30 this morning was dying.

Maggie Jordan was taken to the General Sessions yesterday to be tried for assisting in the escape of Starkey. Her counsel, Wm. A. Beach and John O. Matt, announced themselves ready, but the prosecution was not prepared to go on. It will probably be the only case tried in the Sessions to-day.

John Keenan, aged 8, of 37 Park street, was knocked down by a soda water wagon, driven by William Padman, of 111 Matt street. One of the horses stepped upon his head and crushed his skull shocking. He was taken lingering to the Park Hospital and was